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*show*  
an outer cross section for nominal currents of different levels, for accommodation in at least one of a wall of the appliances or devices, and a window opening, adapted to said outer cross section, the outer cross section being fastenable to a wall by a fastener, wherein the connecting bar is hollow, with a similar outer cross section to other connecting bars, with a remaining wall thickness being adapted to a respective nominal current.

*what? continuing*

2. (Amended) The connecting bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting bar includes only one cavity.

3. (Amended) The connecting bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting bar includes a plurality of cavities.

4. (Amended) The connecting bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting bar includes at least one bore for fastening purposes.

5. (Amended) The connecting bar as claimed in claim 4, wherein the at least one bore includes a thread.

6. (Amended) The connecting bar as claimed in claim 4, wherein the connecting bar includes at least two bores and wherein a bore in a connecting bar on an upper side and a bore on an underside are arranged in a common axis.

7. (Amended) The connecting bar as claimed in claim 4, wherein the connecting bar includes at least two bores, and wherein a bore in a connecting bar on an upper side and a bore on an underside are arranged offset with respect to one another.

8. (Amended) The connecting bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting bar includes a plurality of cavities, between which, at least one suitable web is included for increasing strength.

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9. (Amended) The connecting bar as claimed in claim 4, wherein the at least one bore in the connecting bar is arranged in the region of a cavity. *Fig 4* *103*

10. (Amended) The connecting bar as claimed in claim 4, wherein the at least one bore in the connecting bar is arranged in a web. *Fig 5*

11. (Amended) The connecting bar as claimed in claim 1, including at least one stop for axial fixing. *(4), 45*

12. (Amended) The connecting bar as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cavity is arranged transversely with respect to a longitudinal extent of the connecting bar and is open on both sides. *103*

*Please add the following new claims:*

*A' Amended*  
13. The connecting bar of claim 1, wherein the connecting bar is configured so as to be connectable to other similarly configured connecting bars. *Not shown in drawing* *new matter*

14. The connecting bar as claimed in claim 1, including a plurality of bores for fastening purposes.

15. The connecting bar as claimed in claim 14, wherein each of the plurality of bores includes a thread. *103* *-5*

16. The connecting bar of claim 3, including a plurality of webs, each between cavities, for increasing strength.

17. The connecting bar as claimed in claim 8, wherein the at least one bore in the connecting bar is arranged in the region of a cavity. *59* *smil*

18. The connecting bar as claimed in claim 8, wherein the at least one bore in the connecting bar is arranged in a web.